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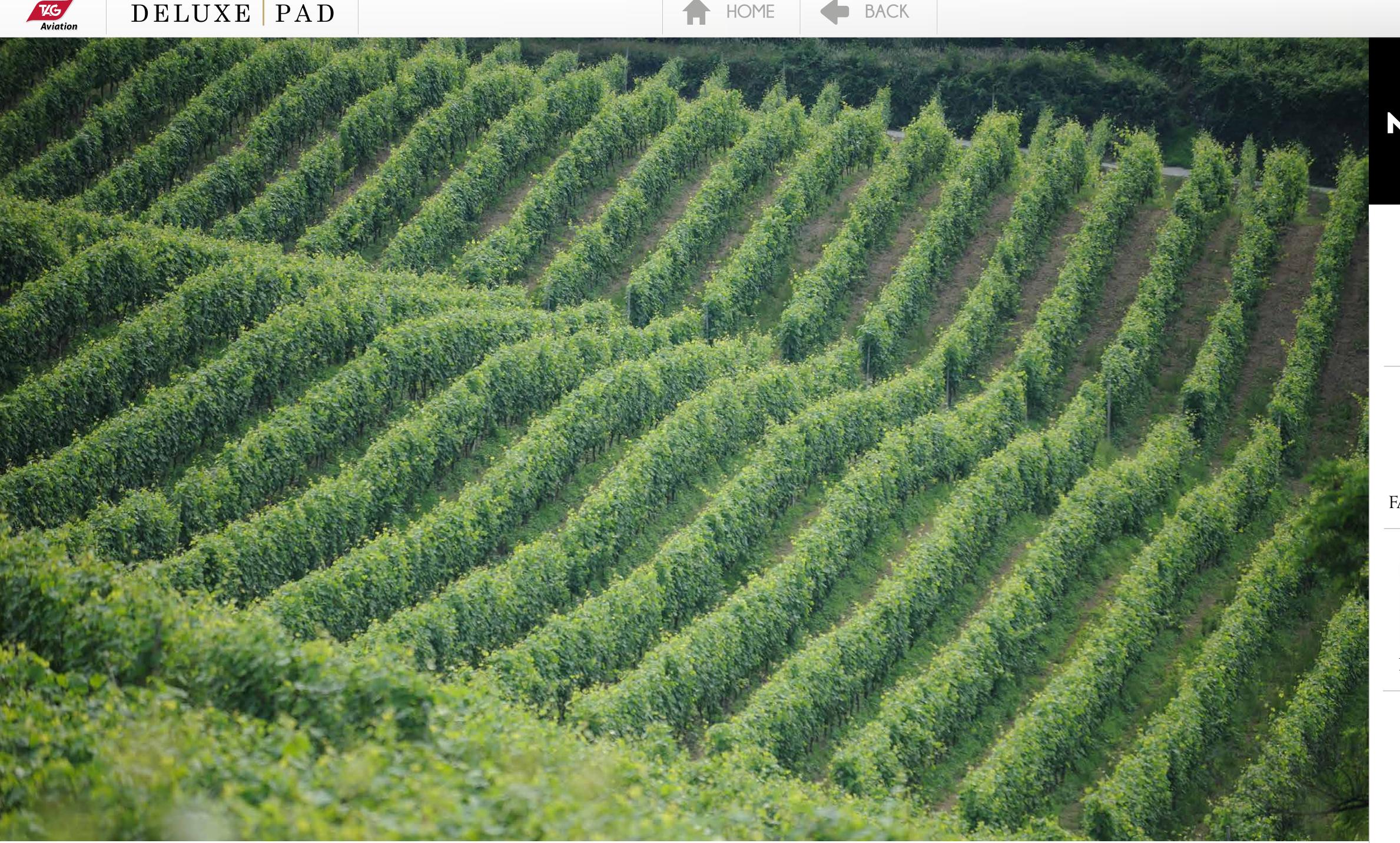




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Piedmont's unique position at the gorgeous foothills of the Alps between France and Switzerland make it more than just a luxury holiday destination. The region is an opportune location for growing grapes that produce outstanding wines. More than 18,000 wineries along the terraced valleys here produce Barolo and Barbaresco wines that fetch hefty prices on the international market. Here, DeluxePad takes a look at local leaders bottling the world's best and inimitable Italian vintages.

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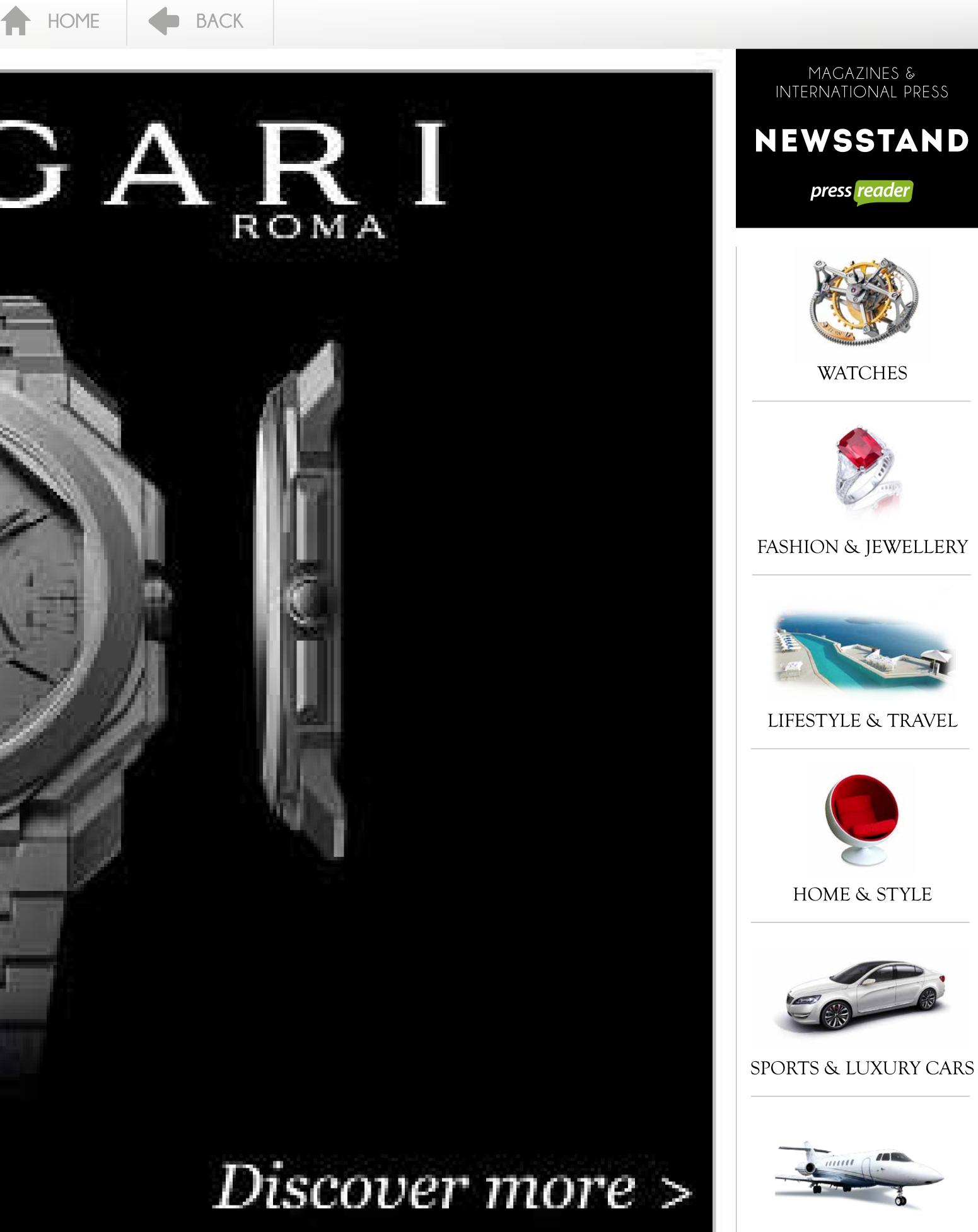




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The first detail one notices about Travaglini wines is the company's signature lopsided bottles that naturally catch grape sediment during pouring. The second detail are the red and white wines themselves that grow in the iron rich lands of Gattinara and include some of the most esteemed limited production Nebbiola wines in greater Piedmont. Travaglini had time to refine their craft, given that they've been working in the region since 1920. Start with their award winning Travaglini Gattinara D.O.C.G. Reserva (2012), which is a favourite for its rich pomegranate colour, with a mineral fragrance and fruity cherry and floral rose notes.

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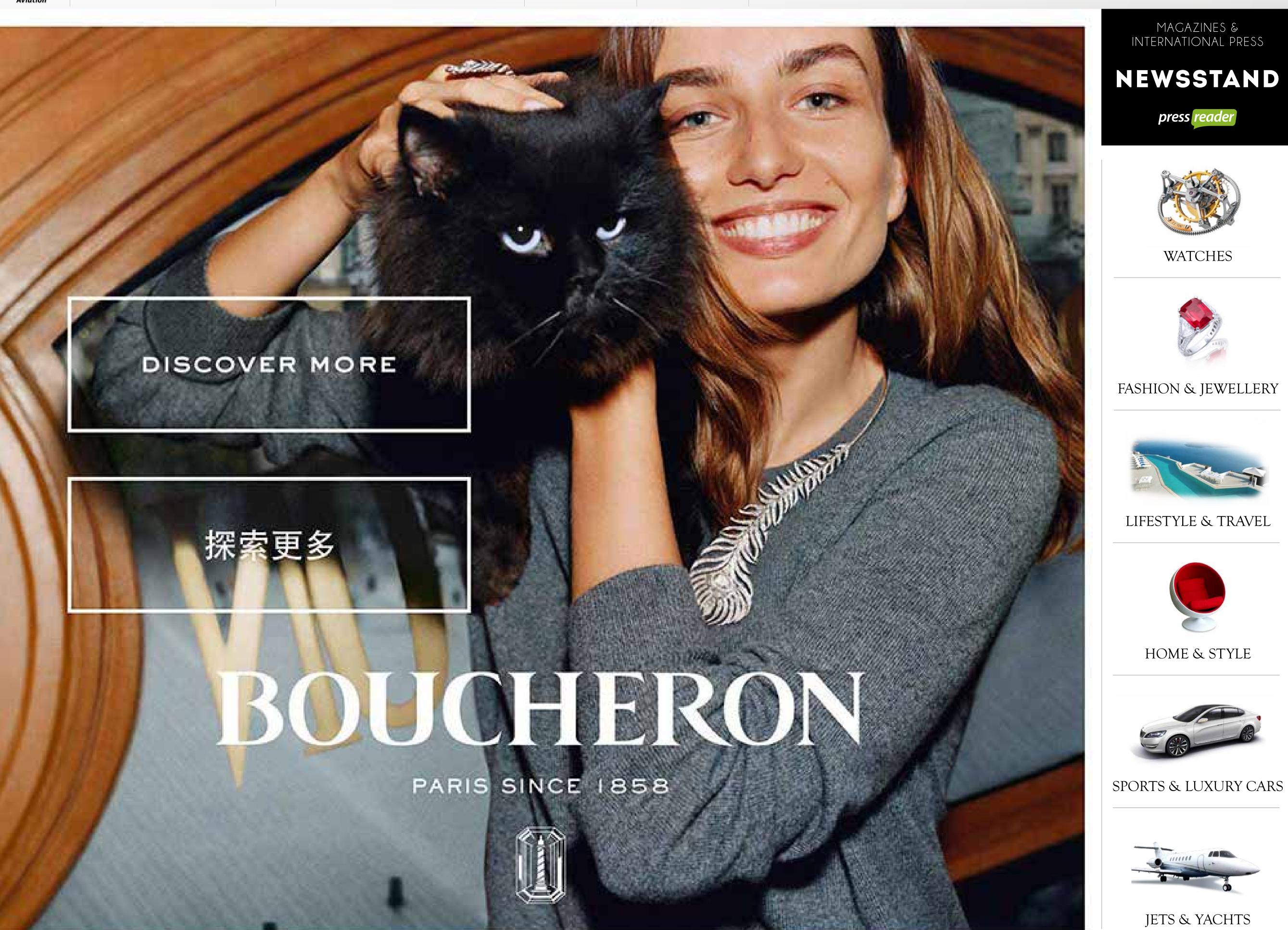


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Move on to the Monforte d'Alba region to the Diego Pressenda winery, who have garnered a great deal of attention over the years for producing distinctive wines that few other growers in the region have tried to make. They're as much vintners as they are experimentalists. An example is their outstanding Riesling Renano (very few of the 18,000 producers here even attempt this), that has a complexity and fresh acidity that pairs well with fish and meats. The property boasts an outstanding restaurant, La Torricella, with expansive views over distant wine country, and a collection of handsome rooms and a pampering wine spa.



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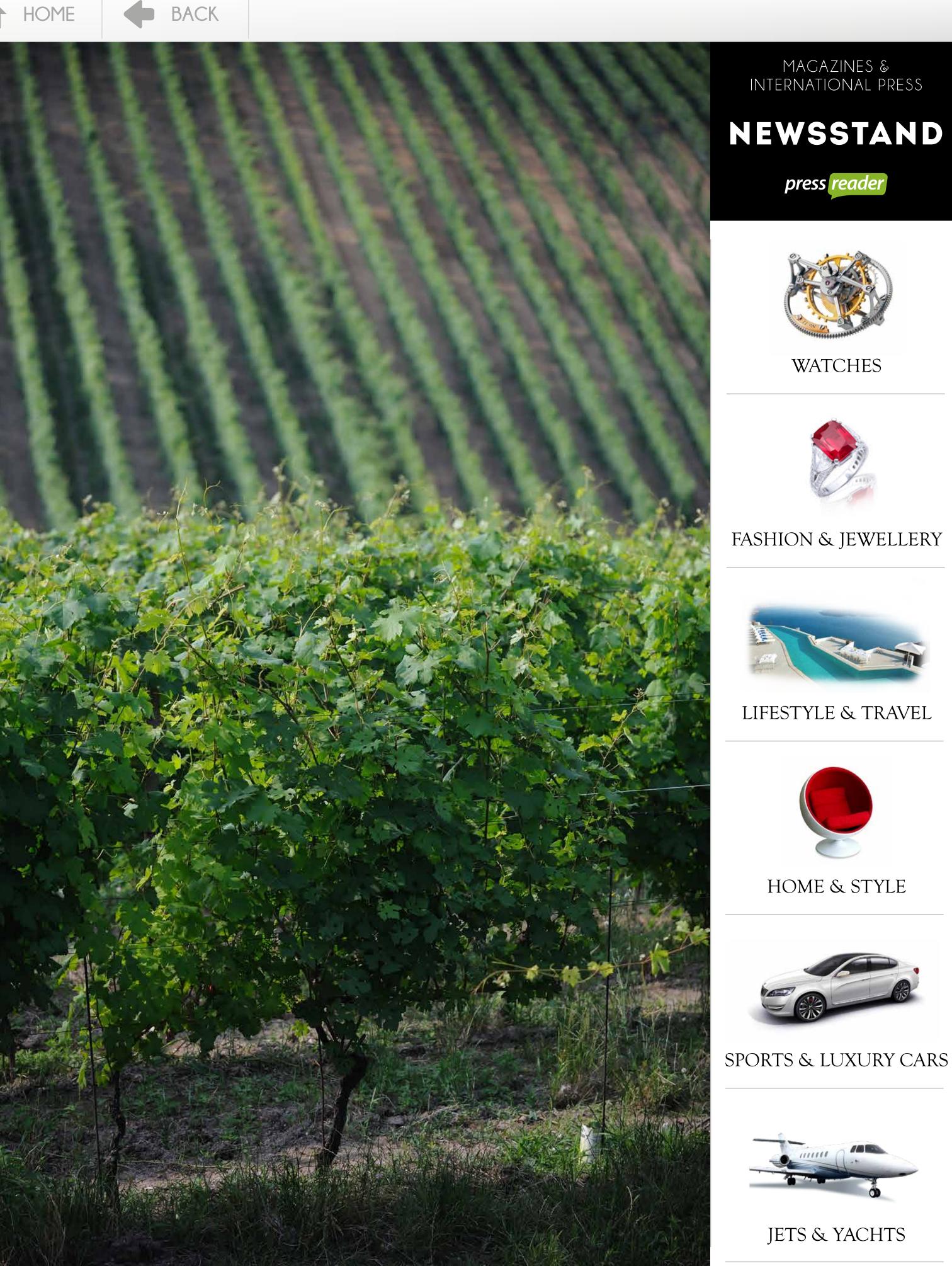
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In Piedmont's Serlunga d'Alba region is the fabulous Gemma Cantine, which has a more industrial output, yet manages to produce outstanding and coveted vintages. Founded in 1978, Gemma actually owns vineyards large and small beyond Serlunga d'Alba, and one of their main attractions is their gorgeous tasting room in a centuries old building in the town of Roddino. Their catalogue of organically produced wines includes more than a dozen, among them their 2016 Barbera d'Alba Superiore Gelso, one of their best vintages. The wine's brilliant purple and red tone, excellent structure and velvety tannins pair best with red sauce pastas, red meats, and mature cheeses.















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The Rivetto winery in Roddino stands out from many in the region. Vintners here believe in restoring balance to the ecosystem rather than planting every arable inch of land with grapes for maximum profit. They've thinned out their grape vines even and replaced them with hazeInut and fruit trees or heirloom vegetable patches that co-exist with the grapes just as they did a hundred years ago. While the winery started in 1902, their biodiversity practices were launched in 1999, resulting in wines like their Langhe DOC Nascetta Borea, an outstanding Piedmont white vintage made from Nacetta grapes native to Langhe.

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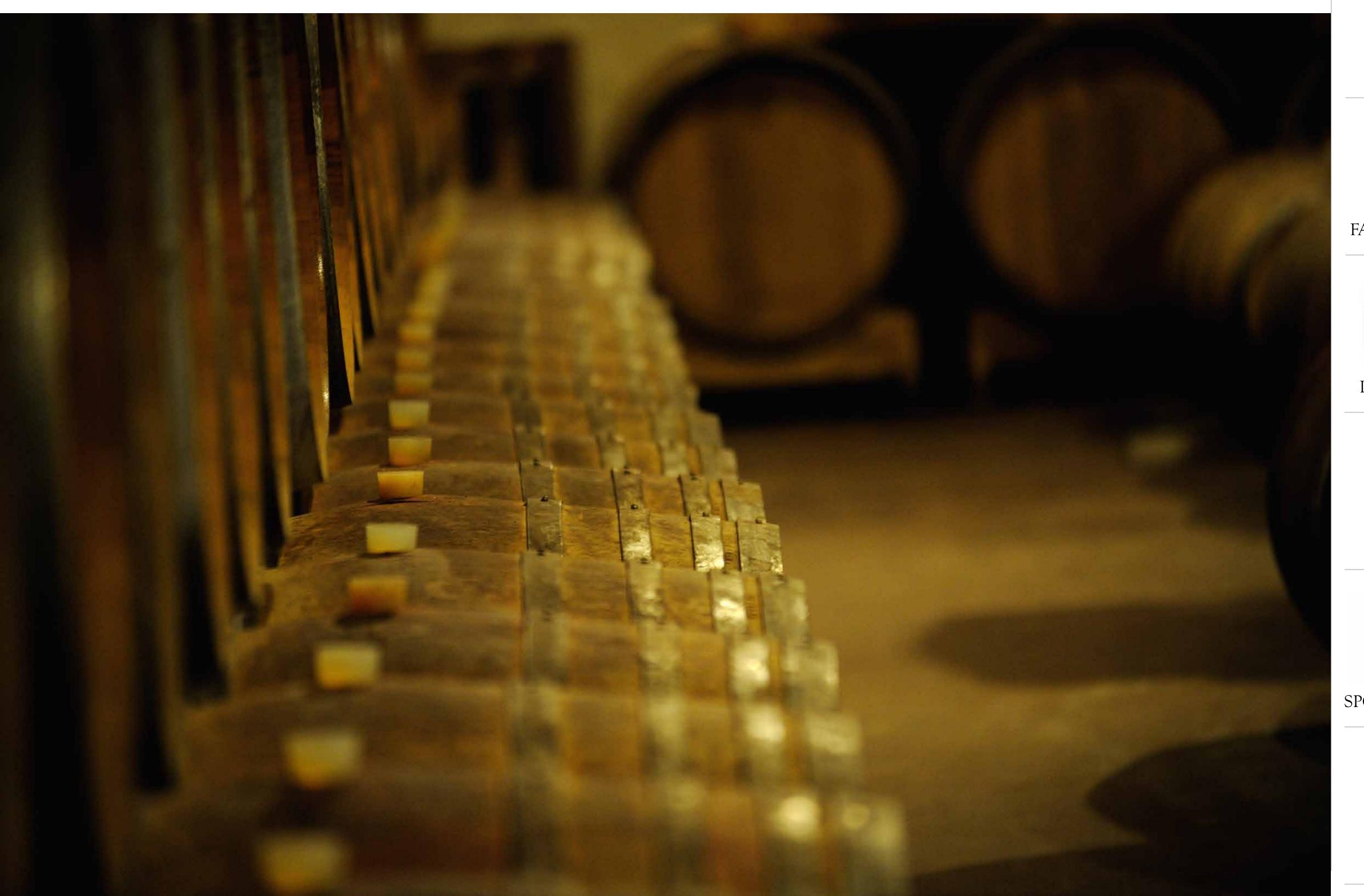




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The wines of Monferrato are quite different from those found in near Barolo, Roddino, or even Verduno. To begin with, the land here is mostly flat or just barely hilly, with completely different exposure and clay soil. Ultimately the wines are far different than those in the rest of Piedmont. Colle Manora is one of the more exceptional wineries of the region. Its cellars

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are modern, as is the aesthetic of their tasting room, and the unique offering of a public museum dedicated exclusively to the historic dresses of Mila Schön is a spectacular experience. One of their most noteworthy vintages is their Barolo D.O.C.G. "Piangalardo" which has an intense balsamic complexity and perfect addition to any private wine cellar.





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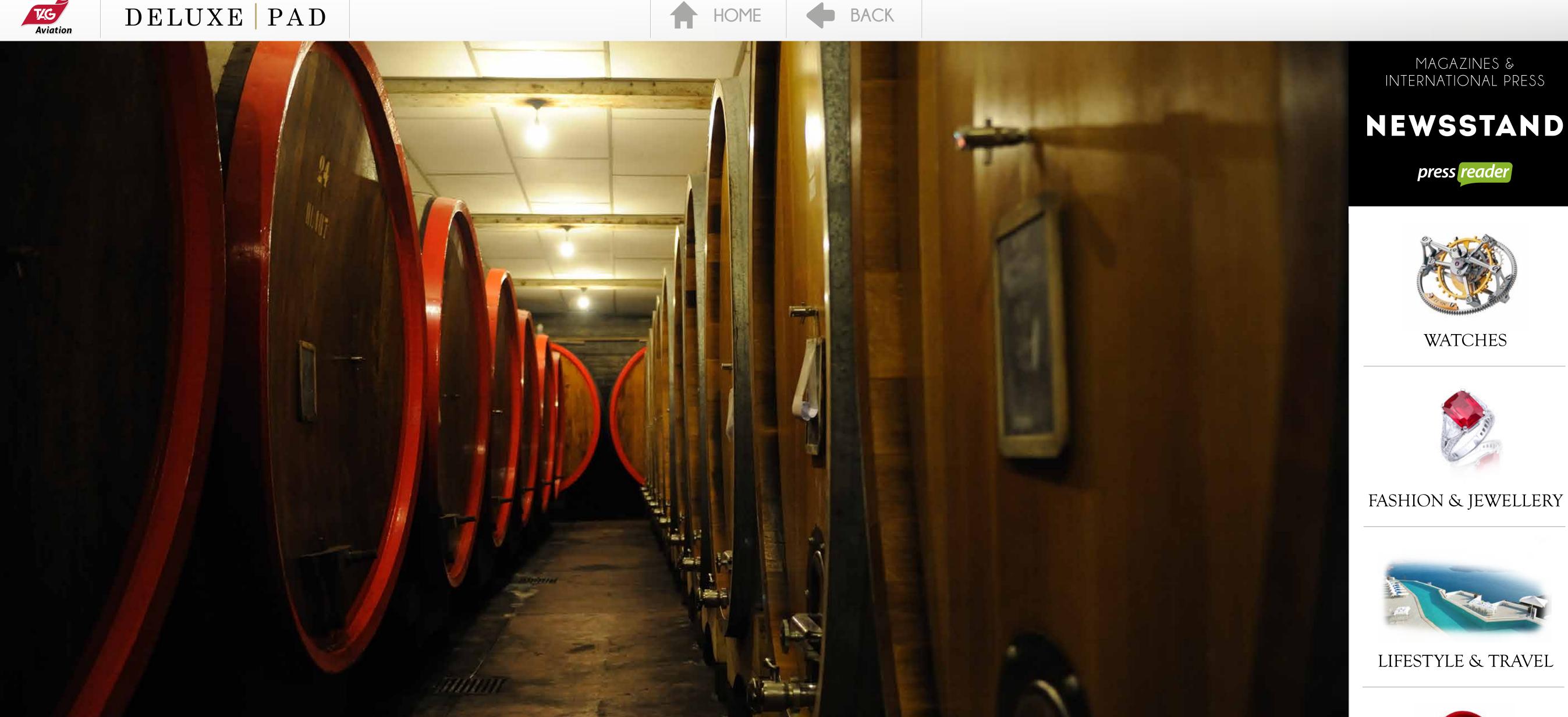




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You would be remiss to visit Piedmont and not venture to Canale d'Alba to taste the superior Roero wines of Malvira, operated by two brothers that renovated the Villa Tiboldi at the centre of their vineyards. Today the exceptionally stunning villa is a five-star hotel and restaurant where guests can pair Malvira wines with Michelin-style cuisine if they don't have time for a lengthy tasting in the vineyards' tasting room. Of their more interesting productions is the Roero Arneis Vigna Saglietto D.O.C.G., a variety that is documented as growing in the area since 1478. The straw yellow wine has rich tropical fruit and honey notes, and pairs well with plates like risotto, soups, or white meats. The vineyards, rural landscape, and rich foods here are, like the majority of Piedmont, a memorable luxury.

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